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AD HOC COMMITTEE CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE Special Meeting Minutes May 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arzt, Bill Merson, Rodger Hosig,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monique Burns

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: 7:31 p.m.

CITIZENS FORUM: None

Member Replacement on Committee: Bill Merson spoke to the First Selectman at the Crystal Lake BOS meeting. Mr. Blanchette asked if we had anyone in mind for the position and Bill said that maybe someone on the original application list might still have an interest. Mr. Blanchette said that the Town of Ellington would place an application on the Town website.

All members of the Committee received invitations to continue for the next year. We all agreed to continue our fight against milfoil in Crystal Lake.

MILFOIL REMOVAL STATUS:

- A. Meeting and Survey with WERM.
Dave Arzt and Bill Merson met with Matt Vogt, Jason's replacement with WERM. He informed us that Jason had left the firm and that he would be our new contact.
On April, 30th 2011, we surveyed the area near the dam with surface viewing and an underwater camera and Matt agreed that the job was done poorly.
Matt said he would return with his crew on May 23, 24 etc. to correct the situation.
The Committee agreed they would release the invoice payment for \$2,880.

QUOTE FROM G.KNOECKLEIN

George Knoecklein of Northeast Aquatic prepared a quote for the Aquatic Plant Mapping at Crystal Lake in 2011. The quote was broken down into two tasks. TASK 1 Aquatic Plant Pre-Treatment Survey- June 2011 and TASK 2 Computer Mapping- Data Analysis.

Due to financial constraints at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Committee recommended that we accomplish TASK 1, to give us a preview as to our 2011 summer project.

Dave Arzt will contact George to proceed.

CONTACT WITH CHUCK LEE- DEP

Bill Merson indicated he had contacted Chuck Lee of the CT DEP in regard to signs that the Committee wants to post at the Northeast Cove and Aborn Cove. Chuck recommended that we submit the wording we want to use, his team would review it and get back to us with revisions, if needed.

The Committee suggested the following:

INVASIVE PLANT AREA

NO PROPS- PADDLE CAREFULLY

BROKEN PLANTS CAUSE MILFOIL SPREAD

THANK YOU

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CONTACT WITH WENDY FLYNN, DEP

Bill Merson contacted Wendy Flynn, DEP, Boating Division, Environmental Education Unit, to get information the Committee can use to prepare Invasive Plant Brochures. Wendy indicated that she is giving regional seminars educating attendees about the new findings of zebra mussels and identification of invasive plants. If the Committee or the CLA can get several lake associations in the area to participate, she will conduct the seminar in our area. At the conclusion of the seminar, all participants will receive a INVASIVE INVESTIGATOR VOLUNTEER tee shirt, which will allow them to distribute informational literature at State of Connecticut boating ramps.

She also provided us with 25 brochures entitled "STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!". It seems the DEP has already prepared the brochure the Committee has been discussing. Wendy cautioned that the brochures can only be handed out by the Constables until CLA members had taken the course and acquired the tee shirt. She said she would provide as many brochures as we need.

Bill Merson said he would talk to the Constables who had previously shown interest in handing out the literature.

COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT: MOVED (R. Hosig), SECONDED (B.Merson) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

William Merson,
Committee Co-chair